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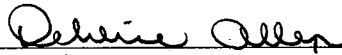
In re Application of:	§	
<b>CHESTER S. MCVAY ET AL.</b>	§	Group Art Unit: <b>3672</b>
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Serial No.: <b>10/789,631</b>	§	
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Filed: <b>FEBRUARY 27, 2004</b>	§	Examiner: <b>HOANG C. DANG</b>
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Title: <b>"ANNULAR PRESSURE RELIEF COLLAR"</b>	§	
	§	Atty. Docket No: <b>HES 2003-IP-012179U1</b>
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO**  
**FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED OCTOBER 4, 2006**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper, and
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.